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PATENT APPLICATION

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In the Divisional Patent  
Application of 09/166,901

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) For: SOLID-STATE IMAGING DEVICE  
) AND MANUFACTURING METHOD  
) THEREOF AND SEMICONDUCTOR  
) DEVICE MANUFACTURING METHOD )

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

The present application is a divisional of the Patent  
Application No. 09/166,901 filed October 6, 1998. Prior to an  
initial examination of the above-identified patent application,  
please amend the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 3, line 11,  
with the following rewritten paragraph:

91 Since the size of a pixel in a CCD is reduced as a camera is  
miniaturized recently, there is an increasing demand for a light-  
shielding film which is strong against the transmission of light  
and which may be reduced in thickness.